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Five hundred and sixty-second Meeting.

February 13, 1866. — MONTHLY MEETING.

The VICE-PRESIDENT in the chair.

The Corresponding Secretary read letters relative to exchanges.

Professor Washburn read a paper on the nature of the testimony of experts in courts of law; and he suggested that a legislative remedy might be found for the abuses to which the employment of expert witnesses by the parties in a suit frequently leads. A discussion of the questions raised in this paper then followed, in which the following gentlemen took part: Dr. C. T. Jackson, Professor H. R. Storer, Professor C. W. Eliot, Professor Parsons, and Dr. J. Bigelow.

Five hundred and sixty-third Meeting.

March 6, 1866. — SPECIAL MEETING.

The PRESIDENT in the chair.

The President called the attention of the Academy to the recent decease of the Right Rev. John B. Fitzpatrick, of the Resident Fellows.

Professor Washburn gave a recapitulation of his paper, read at the previous meeting, on the testimony of experts.

A discussion of this subject then followed, in which Professor Parker, Judge Bigelow, Mr. G. B. Emerson, Professor Bowen, Dr. Jarvis, Professor H. R. Storer, and Dr. Pickering took part.

On the motion of Professor H. R. Storer it was *voted*, That a committee be appointed to consider and report upon the subject of this discussion.

Pending the appointment of this committee the meeting adjourned.